

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Sections 31 (1) and (2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 impose duties on certain Scottish public bodies to publish information on expenditure and certain other matters. Whilst the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body is not required to comply with this disclosure, continuing its commitment to openness, transparency and accountability, the Scottish Parliament is publishing the following information for the financial year ended 31 March 2018:

Activity		Spend £'000
Engagement /Public Relations	<p>Engagement is regarded as a central aim of the Scottish Parliament. Expenditure on engagement includes all external communications, including the cost of in-house and contracted staff. The aggregate staff costs for the Scottish Parliament's Media Relations, Web and Social Media, Public Information and Publications, Broadcasting, Visitor Services, Events and Exhibitions, Education and Community Partnerships and UK and International Relations Office were £4,064k.</p> <p>Non-staff costs (excluding overseas travel and accommodation) associated with these activities amounted to £718k and covered expenditure such as advertising, purchase of products for the shop, webcasting contract and education resources. The non-staff costs are shown net of shop and events income.</p>	4,782
Overseas Travel & Accommodation	<p>Costs of £22k associated with Parliamentary Liaison Travel and Expenses, incurred by International Relations Office, are recorded here. These included attending Scotland Week in the USA and Canada, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association events in Canada, Bangladesh and Uganda, and a visit to the Bavarian State Parliament. During the year to 31 March 2018, the SPCB spent an additional £44k on overseas travel, accommodation and incidental costs. This figure does not include any Members' Expenses Scheme travel and accommodation costs which are already published separately on the Scottish Parliament's website.</p>	66

Hospitality and Entertainment	Hospitality costs relate to external parties e.g. official functions and tea/coffee and buffet lunches for meetings with external parties.	1
External Consultancy	External consultancy costs relate to the use of professional advisors to seek specific advice to aid decision makers in the Parliament that allow them to take more informed decisions. This includes programme management, advice on specific projects, Government Actuary's Department, committee advisors etc.	808
Members or Employees who receive remuneration in excess of £150,000		None
Sustainable economic growth	The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's purpose is to support, enable and promote the work of our Parliament and its Members. Direct activity to promote sustainable economic growth included providing funding in 2017-18 of £100.2k to Scotland's Future Forum Limited. In addition, a variety of events are held under our engagement strategy to provide forums for members and organisations to meet.	
Efficiency, effectiveness and economy	<p>The Parliament budget is set at a level to provide a sustainable footing for the remainder of the current Parliamentary session and its medium term financial plan addressed known pressures, anticipated risks and opportunities to improve Parliament's performance in a planned and proportionate manner until the end of the session.</p> <p>Uncertainty remains around the Brexit process and the parliamentary impact. The SPCB has taken steps to ensure that we have the right level of skills and support available to Members provide a stable platform to cope with the emerging legislative and scrutiny demands.</p> <p>Similarly, the SPCB has provided the necessary resources for the Parliament to implement the agreed recommendations from the Commission on Parliamentary Reform, including establishment of the Committee Engagement Unit.</p>	

	Our Parliament remains busy and consequently there is a high demand on the services provided by the SPCB.	
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